

Washington, DC -- Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-13) will hold a congressional forum to help small business owners obtain assistance and information on how to start, sustain and grow their businesses. He will also solicit feedback on how the federal government can better serve the small business community.

The U.S. Small Business Administration's North Florida District Director Wilfredo Gonzalez, U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Specialist Sandra Campbell, Sun Trust Bank Southwest Florida Assistant Vice President Business Banking Relationship Manager Jared Hawkins, and Florida Business Development Corp Vice President Bill Habermeyer will participate in the event. Furthermore, volunteers from the Manasota SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) program and the MCC Small Business Center will be available for individual counseling.

The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Dan McClure Auditorium, 5900 Airport Auditorium Lane, Sarasota, Florida.

Who: Congressman Vern Buchanan, U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, SunTrust Bank, and Florida Business Development

What: Small Business Forum

When: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2009

Where: Dan McClure Auditorium, 5900 Airport Auditorium Lane, Sarasota, Florida.

Directions: Go East on General Spaatz Blvd (First traffic light North of US 41 and University Parkway) Make first left turn onto Auditorium Lane. Cross Bradenton Connection. Building is down and to the right.

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